



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, January 13, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0401)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Commissioner Percy Duran III and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell. (16-0402)

Call to Order. (16-0202)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Installation of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. (16-0203)

Staff administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers of the Commission, Chairperson Barbara Bigby and Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. Following the Oath of Office, Chairperson Bigby shared her mission and vision for the Commission.

2. Approval of the December 30, 2015 Minutes. (16-0204)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by

Commissioner Theresa Zhen and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following revisions:

- **Page 3, Item 4 should read...meat is not being thoroughly cooked before being served to the youth; the youth are being pepper sprayed without warning by staff; there is inadequate programming for youth that have already graduated from high school;**

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

- 3.** Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Commission's 2016 meeting schedule. (16-0278)

This item has been tabled to the February 24, 2016 meeting.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

III. REPORTS

- 4.** Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-0205)

Chairperson Bigby informed the Commissioners that the FIST will continue to be the official inspection assignment tool and she requested staff to begin to update and distribute the FIST to the Commissioners twice a month effective immediately, noting that the bi-weekly distribution will aid the Commissioners to schedule their facility inspections and prevent duplicated visits.

After a brief discussion on how the FIST should be utilized, Commissioner Burton recommended that the Commissioners should inspect the facilities in their respective Supervisorial Districts and if there is a need for a Commissioner to go and inspect a facility that is outside of their district, such need should be brought before the Commission and approved by the Chairperson before such visit can occur. Staff was directed to place this item on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion and appropriate action.

By the Chairperson's consent, Commissioners Montañó and Andrews shared the following articles with the Commission:

Daily Breeze:

- **Spotlight on Drugging Our Kids' Pays Off (January 5, 2016)**
- **A New Era for L.A.'s Sheriff (January 10, 2016)**
- **Supervisors to Vote on Sheriff's Department Oversight Commission (January 12, 2016)**

Other Sources:

- Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative
- Letter to the Editor "A Welcome Homelessness Plan"
- Mental Health Treatment Must be Key Component of Homelessness Strategy

Also during the Chairperson's report, Commissioner Goldberg informed the Commissioners that she will be resigning from the Commission effective February 1, 2016. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude and appreciation for her service and hard work on the Commission.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-0206)

Staff reported that Commissioner Duran contacted staff and requested that the District Attorney Jackie Lacey be invited to attend one of SBC's regular meetings to present on Mental Health issues. The Commissioners were in concurrence and requested staff to contact her office and extend the invitation.

Staff also asked for clarification on the Commission's intent to plan a celebration for Commissioner Montano for her service as the Commission's Vice Chair for eleven (11) years and Chairperson for ten (10) years. Staff was directed to contact Supervisor Knabe's office and advise them of the election and the plans to celebrate Commissioner Montano.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 31, 2015 to January 5, 2016. (16-0208)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- Rosemary Children's Services (Bonnie Ave., Pasadena, CA) on January 5, 2016.
- Rosemary Children's Services (Fremont Ave, South Pasadena, CA) on January 7, 2016.
- Walnut/Diamond Bar Station (Valley Bl., Walnut, CA) on January 8, 2016.
- Girls Republic (Ivy Ave., Monrovia, CA) on January 12, 2016.

Commissioners Andrews and Montañó visited:

- Dorothy Kirby Center (McDonnell Ave., Commerce, CA) on January 5,

2016.

- Fleming & Barnes Adolescent (Diamondale Dr., Carson, CA) on January 6, 2016.
- Penny Lane Main Facility (Rayen St., North Hills, CA) on January 11, 2016.

Commissioner Andrew visited:

- Penny Lane (Osborne St., Arleta, CA) on January 8, 2016.

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- South Bay Bright Future Youth Center (245th St., Harbor City, CA) on January 7, 2016.
- South Bay Bright Future Youth Center (Mesa St., San Pedro, CA) on January 12, 2016.

Commissioner Arias-Bhatia visited:

- Heritage Group Home (Santa Fe Spring Rd., Whittier, CA) on January 4, 2016.
- Heritage Group Home (Benwick St., Valinda, CA) on January 4, 2016.

During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Vice Chairperson Grills and Commissioner Burton visited:

- Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) (Alameda St., Lynwood, CA) on January 3, 2016 and reported that following issues:
 - There are gnats coming out of multiple sink holes and the drinking water comes out brown in some faucets
 - The shower water is not working on one area of one module
 - No extra blankets are provided when the inmates are cold
 - It takes a couple of days to receive medical attention and once they are taken to be seen inmates can wait up to 5 hours to be seen
 - Mental health services not available as needed or on a timely basis; some cases noted of psychotropic medication needed and not given; could be up to a 5 month wait
 - Rubber mats are needed in the showers, several inmates have slipped and fallen
 - The carpet is stained and mildewed in one module
 - One inmate needs orthopedic shoes but is unable to get assistance
 - Incorrect diets are provided for some diabetic inmates who are not on insulin

- Inmates must buy their own feminine products
- Dust blows from the vents, affecting inmates and deputies – potential respiratory and health hazards unknown
- Inmate bunks are too high causing inmates to bump their heads on light fixtures
- Cell 34 toilet has been broken for 2 weeks and the sink is clogged
- Mold build up in the shower of 3700
- No access to books in 3700
- Dental services default treatment seems to be pulling of teeth rather than fillings, root canals etc.
- Concerns remain regarding release of women at 3:00 a.m.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-0209)

The following items were introduced for discussion and will be placed on a future agenda:

- Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Facilities Inspection Scheduling Tool schedule (FIST) and the SBC Commissioners' assignments.
- Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Inmate Welfare Fund correspondence (IWF).
- Review and Discussion of the Sybil Brand Commission's Educational Scholarship Application.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0210)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of January 6, 2016. (16-0211)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of January 13, 2016 at 12:10 p.m.

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